

What you can do with your **MUSIC EDUCATION MAJOR**



Major Skills



Teaching

You help others to develop knowledge, wisdom, values and beliefs across multiple social and professional settings. You inspire and challenge others through effective communication and collaboration.



Research & Problem Solving

You engage in grappling with complex, real-world problems through reading, research, and exploration. You understand, apply and synthesize foundational concepts of musical theory, history and pedagogy, and integrate knowledge across multiple domains.



Creative & Critical Thinking

You think critically, innovate, and improvise. You challenge boundaries and assumptions and push the evolution of the expressive form.



Professional & Ethical Conduct

You demonstrate a respect for truth, appreciation for diversity, civic engagement, and a strong sense of personal and professional ethics.



Flexible Musicianship

You make music and explore a variety of musical cultural practices, instruments, and genres. You use your expansive skills to make music, model for learners, and help others to use music for their personal and social development.



Curricular Design

You think structurally and procedurally about how to engage others in music making and collaboration, using evidence-based research in culturally responsive and developmentally appropriate ways. You develop systems to manage projects, events, and resources.

Supplement Your Skills With



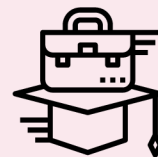
Leadership in music, both globally and interculturally



Gain Experience through Volunteering & Part-Time Work



Experience Fostering Equity & Inclusion



Professional development through conferences, workshops, etc.

Chart Your Path Forward

Activate Your Handshake Account

for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

Explore Career Communities

to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your major into success.

Get Career & Internship Advising

from SuccessWorks to make a plan, whether you're a first-year student or about to graduate.

Get Started: successworks.wisc.edu

Put your Music Education major to **WORK**

Common Job Titles of Alumni

1. Music Teacher
2. Music/Ensemble Director
3. Private Studio Teacher
4. Church Musician
5. Business Owner
6. Instructional Designer
7. School Administrator
8. Post-Secondary Educator
9. Audio Producer/Technician
10. Attorney
11. Consultant
12. Director/Executive Director
13. Manager/District Manager
14. Marketing Coordinator
15. Sales Manager

Common Employers of Alumni

Communications, Media & the Arts

- “Sound at the Source” Podcast

Technology, Data & Analytics

- Google
- CDW

Consulting, Finance & Business Roles

- Bose Corporation
- American Family Insurance

Nonprofit & Education

- Wisconsin Public Schools
- Metro Nashville Public Schools
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- American School Band Directors Association
- Prince George’s County, MD Public Schools
- Rockford, IL Public Schools
- University of Minnesota
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County
- Madison Youth Choirs
- Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra

Recent Grads’ Career Plans

- 90%** Employment
(All majors wishing to teach in WI find placement)
- 5%** Volunteer/Service Program
- 5%** Continuing Education/Graduate School

Industry of Employment

1. Education
2. Information Technology
3. Arts & Entertainment
4. Healthcare
5. Services & Hospitality
6. Retail & Consumer Goods
7. Real Estate
8. Human Resources

Where Alumni Live & Work

- 52%** Wisconsin
- 8%** Illinois
- 4%** Minnesota
- 4%** New York
- 3%** California
- 29%** Other



“Culturally responsive teaching and incorporating the values of my students has greatly improved student engagement and participation in an elementary music program...learning music that reflects their identities helps restore the joy and love of learning in students who might otherwise fall through the cracks of a broken education system.”

Christian Bonner, 2020

**General Music Specialist, Kennedy Elementary School
Madison, WI**



“I learned how to ask deeper questions, engage in dialogue in professional ways and further developed my abilities as a creative problem solver. Everything I learned as a student at UW-Madison is not only inextricably woven into my everyday practice as an educator, but these transferable skills have also helped me experience success throughout many different facets my life.”

Allison Jaeger, 2005, M.S 2013

**Instrumental Music Educator, Oregon High School
Oregon, WI**

Career Communities for Music Education Majors

SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Music Education majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit SuccessWorks to explore more widely.

- **Nonprofit & Education**
- **Communications, Media & the Arts**
- **Consulting, Finance & Business Roles**
- **Government, Policy, International Affairs & Law**

For additional career support, visit the School of Education Career Center.

For questions about teaching certification and licensure, please contact the Mary T. Kellner Teacher Education Center.